

A

REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

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I Am now upon showing the Concern it is to the present Confederacy to suppress *Jacobitism* in *Britain* by this War, as that without which their Peace can never be secur'd; my first Argument was, that *Jacobitism* in *England*, and *Exorbitant Power* in *France* is but the same thing, one a Branch of the other, and must stand and fall together.

I come now to show, that if *Jacobitism* in *England* be not effectually suppress'd, *French Power*, however crush'd, will revive: — And that if ever this Monster call'd *Jacobitism* shall recover its Strength, it will effectually restore *French Power*. I shall not concern my self with the loose Pretence, that if *French Power* be reduc'd, *Jacobitism*

cannot revive; for that is the very thing I am arguing, and will turn upon the Signification of the Term *reduc'd* — Reduce *French Power* so, as that the League and Amity, the Affinity and Union of Interests between It and *Jacobitism* in *England*, may be broken; then indeed I grant what you say, and this is what I am speaking for and urging, that the War may be continued till that be done: But if you reduce *French Power*, without making an effectual Separation between these two, however low you bring *France*, She will be high enough to foment Faction, and carry on an Intrigue in *England* with a Party, who already are but too apt and too able to hold up their Heads. — And here turns the Question — If we may

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for once suppose *England* so weak, or so cow'd, or so mad to run into this Extreme, and *Jacobitism* should prevail here again—
Pray, Neighbours and Confederates, where is your Peace? *France*, as weak as you have brought him, or shall bring him by the Peace, give him but five Years Peace, and then throw him *Britain* into his *Alliance*, as it is now in yours, shall unravel all your twenty Years War—And beat you all into Slavery and Misery again.

What has reduc'd *France* this War, but the severe, exact, punctual Adherence of all the Confederates to their Joint-Interest in this Alliance? And has *Britain* been the Life and Soul of that Alliance or no?

What has bumbled the Naval Power of *France*, but the Superiority at Sea? — And without *Britain*, had that been brought to pass or no?

What has kept the Duke of *Savoy*, the King of *Portugal*, and King *Charles III.*, upon their Feet, and enabled them to look *French* Power in the Face, but the Subsidies and Troops paid and supply'd by the Confederacy? And has *English* Money and Power been always three Parts in four of this or no?

Where then will the *Dutch* Trade exist? How will their Navies look abroad, or their Ships come home? How will their Confederates be supported, and the *French* be mated in the Field, if the *British* Navies, and Armies, and Wealth come to act on the other side?

Will the Confederates then leave *Britain* such an Enemy to struggle with, and say, they are not concern'd in it? — Let them no more flatter themselves with the vain Conceit of having reduc'd *France*, if *Jacobitism* be not also reduc'd in *Britain*, and that so, as never to rise more: Till this is done, the Work is not done, and may be to do all over again; for if ever this Party get up in *Britain*, *French* Power, that first rose by it, will again rise with it.

Here then, as seems to me, lies the whole Stress of this Matter, you are all debating the Necessity of this and that Article; I tell you, Gentlemen, all depends upon this Article in the Treaty, the effectual dividing between the Interest of *France*, and the

Jacobite Interest in *Britain*—If you do not this, you do nothing—Tho' *Jacobitism* be now but a Cloud, like a Man's Hand, yet if *French* Power, *French* Policy, and *French* Influence be left at Liberty to support it, it may in time spread over the whole Heavens, and in its Rise, that *French* Power shall effectually find its Restoration. Some talk of giving *Naples* and *Sicily* to *France*, to get him quit of *Spain*; I tell you, you had better give him *Spain* it self, than leave him this Confederate in our Bosom; under one, *Europe* would be always jealous and uneasy; under the other, negligent and secure, and either would be fatal to our Peace.

Again, do but part them, they are of no Consequence; unite them and leave them in Concert, nothing else will long be of any Consequence—Part *French* Influence from *British Jacobitism*, and let us alone with it; we will ask no Body's Assistance: But it would be very hard, after all we have done, and suffer'd to give *Europe* Peace, and purchase the general Safety, that the Confederates should leave *France* at Peace, and free to back, encourage, and support a Party in *Britain*, which may embarrass us for ever; which leaves us no Peace, no Safety, nor our Share in that Tranquility, the rest of *Europe* will then enjoy by our Means.

I am out of all Apprehensions of this Nation being injur'd by the Power of the *Jacobite* Interest consider'd singly, and at home—If they are but once cut off from their Hopes of a powerful Assistance from *France*—But we are now supposing the War at an End; the Confederacy dissolv'd, the formidable Forces of *Europe* disbanded and dispers'd; all the several Branches resting themselves upon the Peace, and sitting down in a profound Security, *Britain* herself perhaps disarm'd, and at Ease—The *French* Power only kept up, his Armies recruited, and made up with the disbanded Men out of other Countries; such as *Swiss*, *Germans*, *Walloons*, nay *Dutch* and *English*; his Credit restor'd, his Finances recruited, and having taken seven or ten Years Breath after this long ruinous War.

All this while he has been cultivating and encouraging the Party, supply'd the indigent Heads of it with Money; and given them continual private Assistance, and AT LAST upon some Period of *Royal Life*, or some Critical Juncture, they take Arms in *Britain*, or *Ireland*, or both — Will the Emperor, the Duke of *Savoy*, the King of *Portugal*, and all the Princes of this Alliance take up Arms against *France* to prevent his afflicting them? — French Artifice never wants a hundred Pretences to ground new Quarrels, which the present Treaty can never provide against — And which by Consequence the present Confederacy will never think themselves concern'd in — And thus we may be left alone to struggle with *Jacobite* Rebellion under *French* Condu^g — And we shall be much beholden to our Confederates indeed — Who enjoying Peace at the Price of *English* Treasure and *English* Blood, shall leave us in a Possibility of being thus hereafter embark'd alone.

After all, if this Misfortune should so far prevail, as to subject *Britain* again to the Power of a *Jacobite* Reign — I would recommend it to all that advocate for a hasty Peace to consider, how long the Securities of this Peace shall remain — How long it shall be before *Britain*, so enslaved, afflicting *France* by Sea and Land, should raise *France* to the same Pitch of Exorbitant Power, or a greater than this War found him in — And then let them tell us, where they will find another *William* to undertake their Deliverance — Where we shall find a second Hero to be ungrateful to — To leave his *Halcyon*, Quiet, Peace, and a happy Possession of Wealth, Glory, Joy, and Ease, to spend 13 Years in Hurry, Hazard, and constant Perplexity, squeez'd to Death with the Weight of Enemies, and the abominable Treachery of pretended Friends!

It remains in short for us, not only to satisfie our selves in the true State of this Matter, and to resolve to make no Peace, till both the Enemy abroad, and the Enemy at home be secur'd; but also to satisfie our Confederates, how far their Safety and Interest is also concern'd in this Case, and how certainly they will have this heavy

War all to fight over again, if ever *Jacobitism* revives in *England*, as certainly as if *France* were left whole and unbroken in the Possession of all his Conquests.

If any Man ask me, what I would have the Confederates do, and what I would have the Government do in this Case, it is a Question I ought not to answer, especially in such Terms; they know their Busines, and need none of my Instruction; but this I may speak to, what I would have the Subject do — And that is, Be contented, when you see your Princes Plenipotentiaries, Generals, and other Ministers, less forward for a Peace, than some of their Neighbours. — It is their Busines to insist upon such Terms, as may effectually secure us as well as others; and they betray us all, if they make Peace without it.

Other Nations are secur'd by restoring Provinces, surrendering Towns, demolishing Fortifications, and the like, or at least they think so — But we want nothing to be restor'd or surrender'd, at least nothing considerable; our Demands are of another Nature, tho' not less mortifying to the Enemy — We want the King of *France* to recognize the QUEEN, to league in Defence of the Succession, renounce *Jacobitism*, and banish the Pretender, and all his *British* Refugees from his Country and Protection — And these not in Shows and outward Formalities, but in Substance, Realities, and with sufficient Security, so as may take away all possible Dependence upon him from the very Party, and utterly extinguish the Hopes of the *Jacobites* here, whose Interest will then die of Course — Or whoever attempts the Revival of it, will do it at the Price of his own certain Destruction.

If the King of *France* will not do this, we must fight him till he will; and if any of our Confederates should be so blind to their own Interest, as to decline continuing the War upon this Account, we must put them to it, and at their Peril, let them make Peace without us — For in short, if we make Peace without it, we make no Peace at all — And the War will leave us worse than it found us; by how much we are